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**Re: PA Public Utility Commission v. Columbia Gas of PA, Inc.
Docket No. R-2020-3018835**

Dear Secretary Chiavetta:

Attached for filing is a Motion for Protective Order on behalf of Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc., in the above proceeding. Copies will be provided per the Certificate of Service. Thank you.

Respectfully yours,

Lindsay A. Berkstresser

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Attachment

cc: Honorable Katrina Dunderdale
Certificate of Service

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
(R-2020-3018835)**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon the following persons, in the manner indicated, in accordance with the requirements of 52 Pa. Code § 1.54 (relating to service by a participant.)

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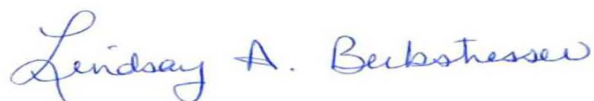
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**BEFORE THE
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Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc.	:		

**MOTION OF COLUMBIA GAS OF PENNSYLVANIA, INC.
FOR A PROTECTIVE ORDER**

TO ADMINISTRATIVE LAW JUDGE KATRINA L. DUNDERDALE:

Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. (“Columbia”), by and through its attorneys, Post & Schell, P.C., hereby requests that the attached Protective Order be entered in the above-captioned proceeding pursuant to the provisions of 52 Pa. Code § 5.365(a). In support thereof, Columbia represents as follows:

1. On February 19, 2020, Columbia submitted its Notice of Intent to file a general rate increase on or about March 20, 2020. The Commission docketed the Notice at R-2020-3018835.
2. On March 24, 2020, Columbia filed for a waiver of 52 Pa. Code § 53.52(b)(2) and requested a thirty-day extension granting the Company authority to file data in support of a proposed increase in base rates based upon an historic test year ended November 30, 2019 on or before April 28, 2020. By Secretarial letter dated March 27, 2020, the Commission granted Columbia’s request.

3. On April 24, 2020, Columbia filed Supplement No. 307 to Tariff Gas PA. P.U.C. No. 9 (“Supplement No. 307”) with the Commission. Supplement No. 307 was issued to be effective for service rendered on or after January 23, 2021. It proposed changes to Columbia’s distribution base rates designed to produce an increase in annual revenues of approximately \$100.4 million based upon data for a fully projected future test year ending December 31, 2021. The filing was made in compliance with the Commission’s regulations and Columbia’s approved waiver, and contains all supporting data and testimony required to be submitted in conjunction with a tariff change seeking a general rate increase.

4. On April 27, 2020, the Bureau of Investigation and Enforcement (“I&E”) filed a Notice of Appearance. The Office of Small Business Advocate (“OSBA”) and the Office of Consumer Advocate (“OCA”) filed Formal Complaints on May 4, 2020 and May 5, 2020, respectively. The Community Action Association of Pennsylvania, the Coalition for Affordable Utility Services and Energy Efficiency in Pennsylvania, and the Columbia Industrial Intervenors filed Petitions to Intervene. On June 1, 2020, Dr. Richard Collins filed a Complaint.

5. On May 21, 2020, the Commission issued an Order pursuant to 66 Pa. C.S. §1308(d), suspending the filing by operation of law until January 23, 2021 (“Suspension Order”).

6. On May 29, 2020, Columbia filed Tariff Supplement No. 310 in accordance with the Commission’s Suspension Order.

7. On May 29, 2020, I&E filed a Motion requesting that the Commission extend the statutory suspension period.

8. On June 2, 2020, Columbia and OCA filed Answers to I&E’s Motion.

9. The proceeding has been assigned to Administrative Law Judge Katrina L. Dunderdale (the “ALJ”) for hearings and issuance of a Recommended Decision.

10. A telephonic prehearing conference was held on June 3, 2020.

11. On June 3, 2020, Chief Administrative Law Judge Charles E. Rainey Jr. granted I&E's Motion and extended the statutory suspension period to February 4, 2021.

12. The Parties to this proceeding have engaged, and continue to engage, in substantial formal and informal discovery.

13. The parties initiated discovery early in the course of this proceeding, and Proprietary Information within the definition of 52 Pa. Code § 5.365 has been requested in discovery. The parties will likely continue to seek to exchange Proprietary Information in discovery throughout this proceeding. In addition, Proprietary Information may be included in parties' testimony and introduced for the record in this proceeding. Parties may also desire to use Proprietary Information for cross-examination purposes. Treatment of such information as set forth in the attached proposed Protective Order is justified because unrestricted disclosure of this information would not be in the public interest. These considerations constitute cause for the restrictions specified in 52 Pa. Code § 5.365 and in Administrative Law Judge or Commission Orders granting relief pursuant to the regulation.

14. Under 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.362(a)(7) and 5.365, the Office of Administrative Law Judge or the Commission may issue a Protective Order to limit or prohibit disclosure of Proprietary Information where the potential harm to a participant would be substantial and outweighs the public's interest in having access to the Proprietary Information. In applying this standard, relevant factors to be considered include: the extent to which disclosure would cause unfair economic or competitive damage; the extent to which the information may already be known by others; and the potential value of such information to the participant and the participant's competitors and trade partners. 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.365(a)(1) – (3).

15. The documents sought to be protected by the Proposed Order also may contain proprietary information as described in 66 Pa.C.S. § 335(d), which provides:

if a document contains trade secrets or proprietary information and it has been determined by the commission that harm to the person claiming the privilege would be substantial or if a document required to be released under this section contains identifying information which would operate to the prejudice or impairment of a person's reputation or personal security, or information that would lead to the disclosure of a confidential source or subject a person to potential economic retaliation as a result of their cooperation with a commission investigation, or information which, if disclosed to the public, could be used for criminal or terroristic purposes, the identifying information may be expurgated from the copy of the document made part of the public record.

Therefore, treatment of such information as set forth in the attached proposed Protective Order is justified under 66 Pa.C.S. § 335(d).

16. The attached proposed Protective Order defines “Confidential” information in Paragraph 3 as “those materials which customarily are treated by that Party as sensitive or proprietary, which are not available to the public, and which, if disclosed freely, would subject that Party or its clients to risk of competitive disadvantage or other business injury.” The proposed Protective Order defines “Highly Confidential” information as materials that are of such a commercially sensitive nature among the parties or of such a private, personal nature that the producing party is able to justify a heightened level of confidential protection with respect to those materials. Clearly, protecting this type of information from disclosure is appropriate.

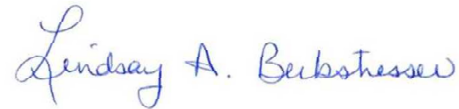
17. Limitation on the disclosure of Proprietary Information will not prejudice the rights of the participants, nor will such limitation frustrate the prompt and fair resolution of this proceeding. The proposed Protective Order balances the interests of the Parties, the public, and the Commission.

18. The attached proposed Protective Order will protect the Proprietary Information sought in discovery or submitted for the record while allowing the Parties to use such information for purposes of the instant litigation.

19. The attached proposed Protective Order has been shared with other parties to this proceeding. No party indicated that it opposed the proposed protective order.

WHEREFORE, for all the foregoing reasons, Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. requests that Administrative Law Judge Katrina L. Dunderdale grant this Motion and issue the attached Protective Order.

Respectfully submitted,



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PROTECTIVE ORDER

Upon consideration of the Motion for a Protective Order that was filed by Columbia Gas of Pennsylvania, Inc. on June 18, 2020;

IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Motion is hereby granted with respect to all materials and information identified in Paragraphs 2 and 3 below, which are or will be filed with the Commission, produced in discovery, or otherwise presented during the above-captioned proceeding and all proceedings consolidated with it. All persons now or hereafter granted access to the materials and information identified in Paragraphs 2 and 3 of this Protective Order shall use and disclose such information only in accordance with this Order.

2. The information subject to this Protective Order is all correspondence, documents, data, information, studies, methodologies and other materials, furnished in discovery in this proceeding, as well as written and oral testimony, exhibits, examination and cross-examination questions, motions, briefs, oral argument, and other writings submitted by the parties to this proceeding, which are believed by the producing party to be of a proprietary or confidential nature and which are so designated by being stamped “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.” Such materials will be referred to below as “Proprietary Information.” When a

statement or exhibit is identified for the record, the portions thereof that constitute Proprietary Information shall be designated as such for the record.

3. This Protective Order applies to the following categories of materials: (A) the Parties may designate as “CONFIDENTIAL” those materials which customarily are treated by that party as sensitive or proprietary, which are not available to the public, and which, if disclosed freely, would subject that party or its clients to risk of competitive disadvantage or other business injury; (B) the parties may designate as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” those materials that are of such a commercially sensitive nature among the parties or of such a private, personal nature that the producing party is able to justify a heightened level of confidential protection with respect to those materials. For example, but without limitation, “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL” information may include Proprietary Information that constitutes or describes: (a) customer names or customer prospects’ names, addresses, annual volumes of gas usage, or other customer-identifying information; (b) marketing plans; (c) competitive strategies or service alternatives; (d) market share projections; (e) competitive pricing or discounting information; and (f) marketing materials that have not yet been used. The parties shall endeavor to limit their designation of information as HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.

4. Proprietary Information shall be made available to counsel for a party who has entered an appearance in this proceeding and does not have responsibilities constituting a Restricted Person, subject to the terms of this Protective Order. Such counsel shall use or disclose the Proprietary Information only for purposes of preparing or presenting evidence, cross examination or argument in this proceeding. To the extent required for participation in this proceeding, counsel for a party may afford access to Proprietary Information subject to the conditions set forth in this Protective Order.

5. Information deemed as “CONFIDENTIAL”, shall be made available to a “Reviewing Representative” who is a person who has signed a Non-Disclosure Certificate and who is:

- (a) An attorney who has made an appearance in this proceeding for a party;
- (b) Attorneys, paralegals, and other employees associated for purposes of this case with an attorney described in Paragraph 5(a);
- (c) An expert or an employee of an expert retained by a party for the purpose of advising, preparing for or testifying in this proceeding; or
- (d) Employees or other representatives of a party appearing in this proceeding with significant responsibility for this docket.

6. Information deemed as “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL”, may be provided to a “Reviewing Representative” who has signed a Non-Disclosure Certificate and who is:

- (a) An attorney for a statutory advocate pursuant to 52 Pa. Code §1.8 or a counsel who has made an appearance in this proceeding for a party;
- (b) An attorney, paralegal, or other employee associated for purposes of this case with an attorney described in Paragraph 6(a);
- (c) An outside expert or an employee of an outside expert retained by a party for the purposes of advising, preparing for or testifying in this proceeding; or
- (d) A person designated as a Reviewing Representative for purposes of HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL material pursuant to Paragraph 11.

Provided, further, that in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5.362 and 5.365(e) of the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, 52 Pa. Code §§ 5.362, 5.365(e), any party may, by subsequent objection or motion, seek further protection with respect to HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL material, including, but not limited to, total prohibition of disclosure or limitation of disclosure only to particular parties.

7. For purposes of this Protective Order, a Reviewing Representative may not be a “Restricted Person.”

(a) A “Restricted Person” shall mean: (i) an officer, director, stockholder, partner, or owner of any competitor of the parties or an employee of such an entity if the employee’s duties involve marketing or pricing of the competitor's products or services; (ii) an officer, director, stockholder, partner, or owner of any affiliate of a competitor of the parties (including any association of competitors of the parties) or an employee of such an entity if the employee’s duties involve marketing or pricing of the competitor's products or services; (iii) an officer, director, stockholder, owner or employee of a competitor of a customer of the parties if the Proprietary Information concerns a specific, identifiable customer of the parties; and (iv) an officer, director, stockholder, owner or employee of an affiliate of a competitor of a customer of the parties if the Proprietary Information concerns a specific, identifiable customer of the parties; provided, however, that no expert shall be disqualified on account of being a stockholder, partner, or owner unless that expert’s interest in the business would provide a significant motive for violation of the limitations of permissible use of the Proprietary Information. For purposes of this Protective Order, stocks, partnership or other ownership interests valued at more than \$10,000 or constituting more than a 1% interest in a business establishes a significant motive for violation.

(b) If an expert for a party, another member of the expert’s firm or the expert’s firm generally also serves as an expert for, or as a consultant or advisor to, a Restricted Person, said expert must: (i) identify for the parties each Restricted Person and each expert or consultant; (ii) make reasonable attempts to segregate those personnel assisting in the expert’s participation in this proceeding from those personnel working on behalf of a Restricted Person; and (iii) if segregation of such personnel is impractical the expert shall give to the producing party written assurances that the lack of segregation will in no way jeopardize the interests of the parties or their customers. The parties retain the right to challenge the adequacy of the written assurances that the parties’ or their

customers' interests will not be jeopardized. No other persons may have access to the Proprietary Information except as authorized by order of the Commission.

(c) The Office of Small Business Advocate's ("OSBA") consultant, Mr. Robert D. Knecht, will not be considered to be a "Restricted Person" and Paragraphs 7(a) and 7(b) will not apply to Mr. Knecht, provided that Mr. Knecht does not share, distribute, or discuss the Proprietary Information with any person except authorized OSBA representatives.

8. A qualified "Reviewing Representative" for "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" material may review and discuss "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL" material with their client or with the entity with which they are employed or associated, to the extent that the client or entity is not a "Restricted Person", but may not share with or permit the client or entity to review the "HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL," material provided however that counsel for I&E, the Office of Consumer Advocate, and Office of Small Business Advocate may share Proprietary Information with the I&E Director, Consumer Advocate, and Small Business Advocate, respectively, without obtaining a Non-Disclosure Certificate from these individuals, provided however, that these individuals otherwise abide by the terms of the Stipulated Protective Agreement.

9. Proprietary Information shall be treated by the parties and by the Reviewing Representative in accordance with the certificate executed pursuant to Paragraph 12(a). Information deemed Proprietary Information shall not be used except as necessary for the conduct of this proceeding, nor shall it be disclosed in any manner to any person except a Reviewing Representative who is engaged in the conduct of this proceeding and who needs to know the information in order to carry out that person's responsibilities in this proceeding.

10. During the effectiveness of the March 20, 2020 Emergency Order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at Docket No. M-2020-3019262, Reviewing Representatives of I&E may use personal electronic devices to view Proprietary Information

provided that the Reviewing Representative agrees to treat the material in accordance with the terms of this agreement and not to download or save copies of Proprietary Information on any personal electronic device.

11. Reviewing Representatives may not use information contained in any Proprietary Information obtained through this proceeding to give any party or any competitor of any party a commercial advantage. In the event that a Party wishes to designate as a Reviewing Representative a person not described in Paragraphs 5(a) through 5(d) or 6(a) through (c) above, the party shall seek agreement from the party providing the Proprietary Information. If an agreement is reached, that person shall be a Reviewing Representative pursuant to Paragraph 6(d) above with respect to those materials. If no agreement is reached, the party shall submit the disputed designation to the presiding Administrative Law Judge for resolution.

12. (a) A Reviewing Representative shall not be permitted to inspect, participate in discussions regarding, or otherwise be permitted access to Proprietary Information pursuant to this Protective Order unless that Reviewing Representative has first executed a Non-Disclosure Certificate provided that if an attorney qualified as a Reviewing Representative has executed such a certificate, the paralegals, secretarial and clerical personnel under the attorney's instruction, supervision or control need not do so. A copy of each Non-Disclosure Certificate shall be provided to counsel for the party asserting confidentiality prior to disclosure of any Proprietary Information to that Reviewing Representative.

(b) Attorneys and outside experts qualified as Reviewing Representatives are responsible for ensuring that persons under their supervision or control comply with the Protective Order.

13. None of the parties waive their right to pursue any other legal or equitable remedies that may be available in the event of actual or anticipated disclosure of Proprietary Information.

14. The parties shall designate data or documents as constituting or containing Proprietary Information by stamping the documents “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.” Where only part of data compilations or multi-page documents constitutes or contains Proprietary Information, the parties, insofar as reasonably practicable within discovery and other time constraints imposed in this proceeding, shall designate only the specific data or pages of documents which constitute or contain Proprietary Information. The Proprietary Information shall be served upon the parties hereto only in an envelope separate from the nonproprietary materials, and the envelope shall be conspicuously marked “CONFIDENTIAL” or “HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL.” During the effectiveness of the March 20, 2020 Emergency Order of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission at Docket No. M-2020-3019262, in lieu of hard copy delivery, parties shall establish means for electronic service of Proprietary Information to authorized Reviewing Representatives.

15. The party will consider and treat the Proprietary Information as within the exemptions from disclosure provided in Section 335(d) of the Public Utility Code, 66 Pa.C.S. § 335(d), and the Pennsylvania Right-to-Know Act, Act of February 14, 2008, P.L. 6, 65 P.S. §§ 67.101 *et seq.*, until such time as the information is found to be non-proprietary.

16. Any public reference to Proprietary Information by a party or its Reviewing Representatives shall be to the title or exhibit reference in sufficient detail to permit persons with access to the Proprietary Information to understand fully the reference and not more. The Proprietary Information shall remain a part of the record, to the extent admitted, for all purposes of administrative or judicial review.

17. Part of any record of this proceeding containing Proprietary Information, including but not limited to all exhibits, writings, testimony, cross examination, argument, and responses to discovery, and including reference thereto as mentioned in Paragraph 16 above, shall be sealed for

all purposes, including administrative and judicial review, unless such Proprietary Information is released from the restrictions of this Protective Order, either through the agreement of the parties to this proceeding or pursuant to an order of the Commission.

18. The parties shall retain the right to question or challenge the confidential or proprietary nature of Proprietary Information and to question or challenge the admissibility of Proprietary Information. If a party challenges the designation of a document or information as proprietary, the party providing the information retains the burden of demonstrating that the designation is appropriate.

19. The parties shall retain the right to question or challenge the admissibility of Proprietary Information; to object to the production of Proprietary Information on any proper ground; and to refuse to produce Proprietary Information pending the adjudication of the objection.

20. Within 30 days after a Commission final order is entered in the above-captioned proceeding, or in the event of appeals, within thirty days after appeals are finally decided, the party, upon request, shall either destroy or return to the parties all copies of all documents and other materials not entered into the record, including notes, which contain any Proprietary Information. In the event that the party elects to destroy all copies of documents and other materials containing Proprietary Information instead of returning the copies of documents and other materials containing Proprietary Information to the parties, the party shall certify in writing to the other Party that the Proprietary Information has been destroyed.

Dated: _____

Administrative Law Judge
Katrina L. Dunderdale

APPENDIX A

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN:

The undersigned is the _____ of _____ (the retaining party).

The undersigned has read and understands the Protective Order deals with the treatment of Proprietary Information. The undersigned agrees to be bound by and comply with the terms and conditions of said Protective Order.

Indicate by checking the appropriate box(es) what type of Propriety Information the undersigned may review pursuant to the Protective Order.

CONFIDENTIAL

HIGHLY CONFIDENTIAL

SIGNATURE

PRINT NAME

ADDRESS

EMPLOYER

DATE: _____